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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
SHIGENOBU MAEDA ET AL. / : GROUP ART UNIT: 2811
SERIAL NO: 09/176,315 / :
FILED: OCTOBER 22, 1998 / : EXAMINER: CRANE, S.
FOR: METHOD OF DESIGNING SEMI-
CONDUCTOR DEVICE, SEMI-
CONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

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In Response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, please note the following remarks traversing the rejection of Claims 1-5 and 18.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 17 and 20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 6-16 and 19 would be allowed if rewritten to be in independent form so that Claim 6 would include all of the limitations of Claims 5, 3, and 1; Claim 9 would include al of the limitations of Claims 5, 3, and 1; Claim 11 would include al of the limitations of Claims 5, 3, and 1; Claim 12 would

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$ - 0 - is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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